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\*\*Before an entry denotes that the item is part of the FCC's implementation of the 1996 Telecom Act. While we will attempt to flag all Telecom Act-related items, this marking is unofficial and informational only.

## NEWS RELEASES

OPEN PROCEEDINGS. OPA Contact: Public Service Division: Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260; TTY: (202) 418-2555, email [mcontee@fcc.gov](mailto:mcontee@fcc.gov).

FCC PROPOSES \$1.12 MILLION FORFEITURE AGAINST BRITTAN COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPARENTLY USING FORGED AUTHORIZATION FORMS TO SLAM CONSUMERS. The Commission has proposed a \$1.12 million forfeiture against Brittan Communications International Corporation for apparently engaging in slamming, the practice of changing a consumer's telephone company without that consumer's express approval. Brittan has 30 days to either pay the forfeiture or show why the forfeiture should be reduced or not imposed. Report No: CC-98-38. by NAL for Forfeiture. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: October 29, 1998. (FCC No. 98-291) News Media Contact: Rochelle Cohen (202) 418-0253. CCB Contact: Common Carrier Bureau Contact: Colleen Heitkamp at (202) 418-0974 or Darius Withers at (202) 418-7259; TTY: (202) 418-2555. (FCC No. 98-291) CCB.

FCC PROPOSES \$1.36 MILLION FORFEITURE AGAINST AMER-I-NET FOR APPARENTLY USING FORGED AUTHORIZATION FORMS TO SLAM CONSUMERS. The Commission proposed a \$1.36 million forfeiture against Amer-I-Net Services Corp., known as Amer-I-Net, for apparently engaging in slamming, the practice of changing a consumer's telephone company without that consumer's express approval. Amer-I-Net has 30 days to either pay the forfeiture or show why the forfeiture should be reduced or not imposed.. Report No: CC-98-40. by NAL for Forfeiture. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: October 28, 1998. (FCC No. 98-285) CCB.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Report No: LB-99-05A. Released: October 30, 1998. ERRATUM TO OCTOBER 15, 1998, WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU'S PUBLIC NOTICE WHICH ESTABLISHED PLEADING CYCLE FOR THE APPLICATIONS FILED BY MOBILEMEDIA CORPORATION, DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION AND ARCH COMMUNICATIONS GROUP. Dkt No.: WT-097-115.

Released: October 30, 1998. UNITED STATES TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION FILES PETITION FOR RULEMAKING FOR 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW. Comments Due: November 30, 1998; Revised Reply Comments Due: December 15, 1998. (DA 98-2205). Contact: Common Carrier Bureau, Legal Branch, Accounting and Safeguards Division: Andrew Mulitz at (202) 418-0850; TTY: (202) 418-0484.

Released: October 30, 1998. UNITED STATES TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION FILES PETITION FOR RULEMAKING FOR 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW. Comments. (DA No. 98-2205). Internet

URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982205.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da982205.wp)

Report No: IN-98-56. Released: October 30, 1998. WRC-2000 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS. Contact: International Bureau's Planning and Negotiation Division at (202) 418-2213.

Report No: LB-99-08. Released: October 30, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION.

Report No: WT-98-37. Released: October 30, 1998. COMMENTS INVITED ON NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT. Released: October 30, 1998. Comments Due: November 29, 1998; Reply Comments Due: December 14, 1998. (DA No. 98-2208). Dkt No.: GN-90-53. Contact: Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: Joy Alford at (202) 418-0694. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982208.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da982208.wp)

Report No: WT-98-38. Released: October 30, 1998. THE NORTH CAROLINA (REGION 31) REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR MINOR AMENDMENT TO ITS PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN. (DA No. 98-2207). Dkt No.: PR-93-150. Contact: Contact: Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: Joy Alford at 418-0694. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982207.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da982207.wp)

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## TEXTS

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US WEST, INC. Stayed until December 31, 1998 effective date of revisions of US West, Inc.'s Cost Allocation Manual. Action by Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau. Adopted: October 30, 1998. (DA No. 98-2230). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1998/da982230.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da982230.wp)

BILLED PARTY PREFERENCE FOR INTERLATA 0+ CALLS. Denied the Petition for Extension of Waiver to come into compliance, jointly filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., Consolidated Communications Telecom Services, Inc., Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. on October 16, 1998. Dkt. No.: CC-92-77. Action by Chief, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau. by Order. (DA No. 98-2133). CCB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1998/da982133.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da982133.wp)

BILLED PARTY PREFERENCE FOR INTERLATA 0+ CALLS. Denied the Petition of Cleartel Communications, Inc. for Extension of Waiver, filed on October 21, 1998. Dkt. No.: CC-92-77. Action by Chief, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau. Dkt No.: CC- 92-77. Adopted: October 29, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-2212). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1998/da982212.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da982212.wp)

AMER-I-NET SERVICES CORPORATION. Initiated enforcement action against Amer-I-Net Services Corporation for willfully or repeatedly violating Section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as well as Commission rules and orders, by changing the designated preferred interexchange carriers (PICs) for interstate service of eighteen consumers without their authorization. Action by the Commission. Adopted: October 26, 1998. by NAL for Forfeiture. (FCC No. 98-285). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Notices/1998/fcc98285.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Notices/1998/fcc98285.wp)

BRITTAN COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION. Initiated enforcement action against Brittan Communications International Corporation for willfully or repeatedly violating Section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as well as the Commission rules and orders, by changing the designated preferred interexchange carriers (PICs) of sixteen consumers without their authorization. Action by

the Commission. Adopted: October 29, 1998. by NAL for Forfeiture. (FCC No. 98-291). CCB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Notices/1998/fcc98291.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Notices/1998/fcc98291.wp)

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS. Denied the Complaint Regarding Cable Programming Services Tier Rates. Action by Acting Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division. Adopted: October 27, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-2211). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da982211.wp>

KSWB, INC. Denied KCOP's Petition for Stay of order concerning syndicated programming exclusivity rules. Action by Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: October 29, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-2217). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da982217.wp>

C AND F BLOCK INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. Denied Requests for Extension of the Commission's Initial Non-Deliquency Period for C and F Block Installment Payments. Dkt No.: WT-97-82. Action by the Commission. Adopted: October 29, 1998. by Order. (FCC No. 98-290). WTB

**ADDENDA: The following items, released October 29, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 209:**

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## NEWS RELEASES

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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU RECEIVES REPORT ON METHODS TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENT USE AND ALLOCATION OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS. Report No: CC-98-39. News Media Contact: Rochelle Cohen (202) 418-0253. CCB Contact: Common Carrier Bureau: Jeannie Grimes at (202) 418-2313; TTY: (202) 418-2555.

COLLEEN HEITKAMP NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF CCB'S ENFORCEMENT DIVISION: ALEXANDER P. STARR NAMED CHIEF OF THE FORMAL COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH OF THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. CCB.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Report No: D-1010. Released: October 29, 1998. MASS MEDIA BUREAU MULTIPONT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE APPLICATIONS.

Report No: D-1010-A. Released: October 29, 1998. MASS MEDIA BUREAU MULTIPONT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE APPLICATIONS.

Released: October 29, 1998. NOTICE OF PROHIBITED PRESENTATION IN THE MATTER OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 25 OF THE CABLE TELEVISION CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION ACT OF 1992; AND DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE PUBLIC INTEREST OBLIGATIONS. Dkt. No.: MM-93-25. Action by: Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Division.

Released: October 29, 1998. PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHING COMMENTS ON SBC PETITION FOR SECTION 272 FORBEARANCE FOR REVERSE DIRECTORY SERVICES. Comments Due: November 30, 1998; Reply Comments Due: December 15, 1998. (DA No. 98-2210). Dkt No.: CC-98-193. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982210.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da982210.wp)

Report No: TEL-00024. Released: October 29, 1998. OVERSEAS COMMON CARRIER SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS AND SECTION 310(B)(4) ACTIONS TAKEN. (DA No. 98-2204). Contact: International

Bureau Reference Center at (202) 418-1492 or 1493.

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Report No: 1384. Released: October 28, 1998. CABLE TELEVISION RELAY SERVICE (CARS)  
APPLICATIONS RE: APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. Contact: Cable Services Bureau at (202)  
418-7000.